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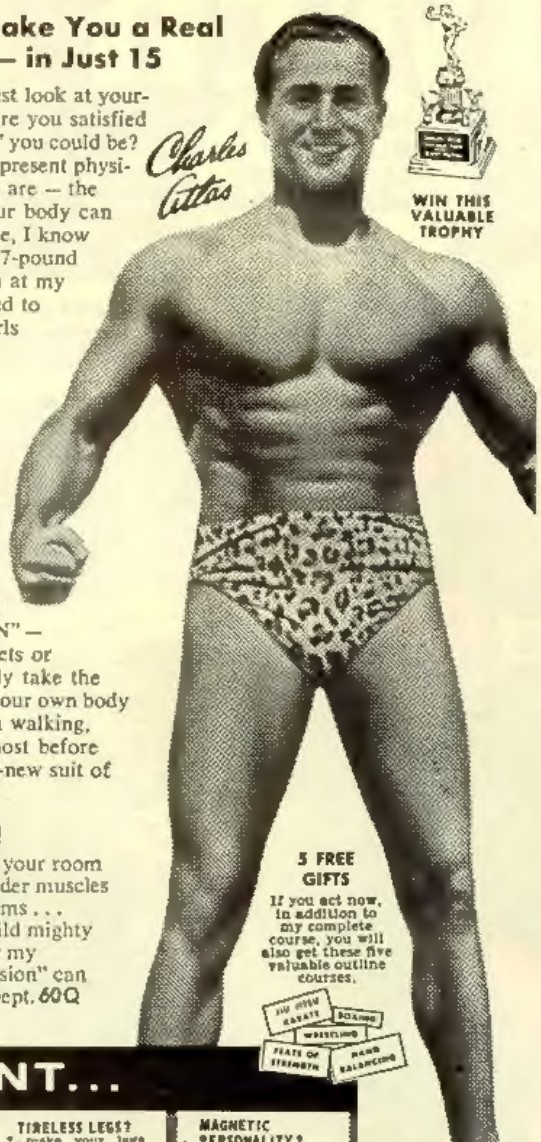

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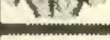

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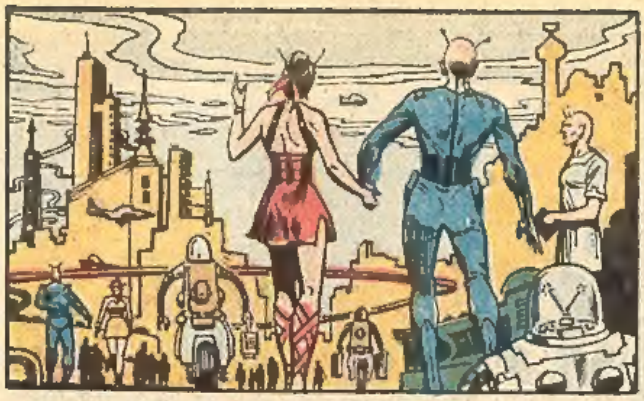

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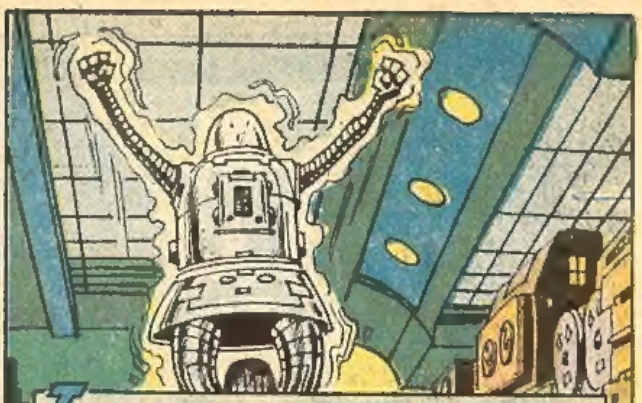

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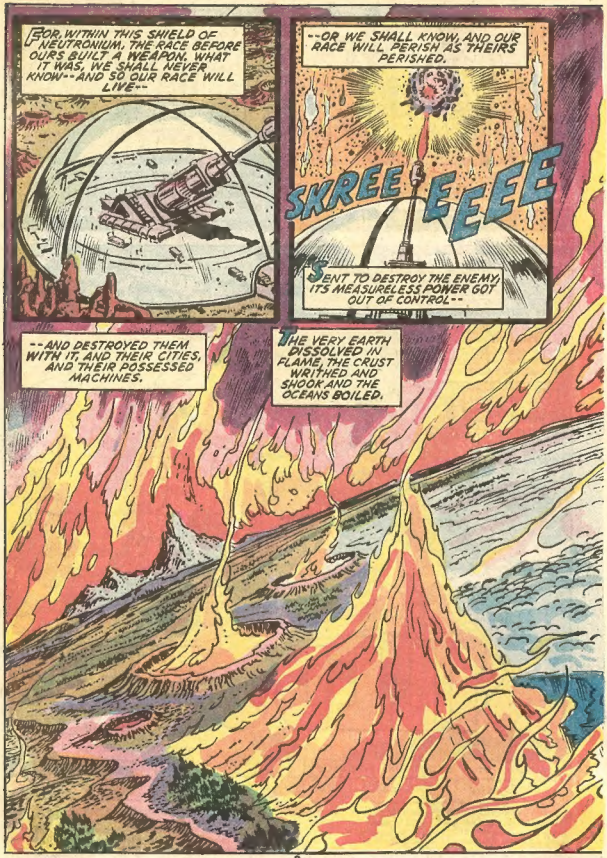

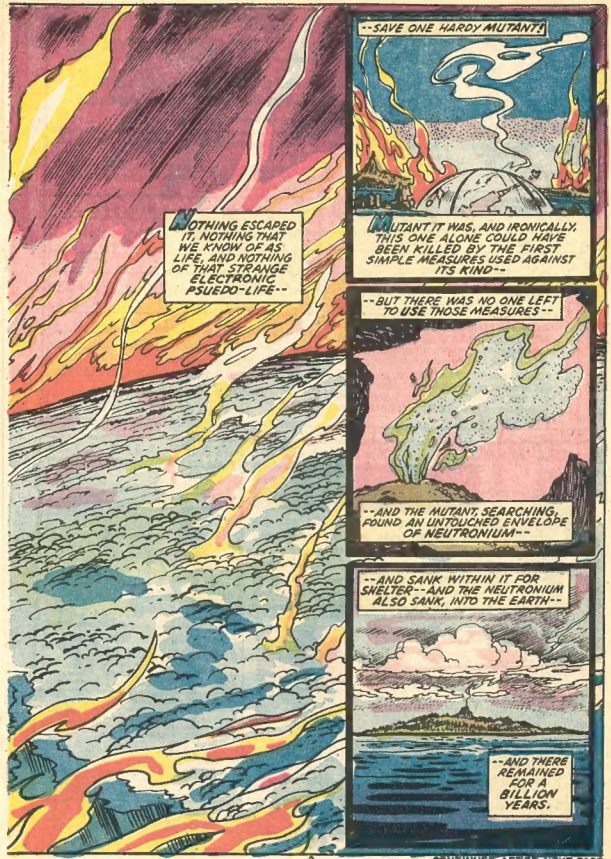

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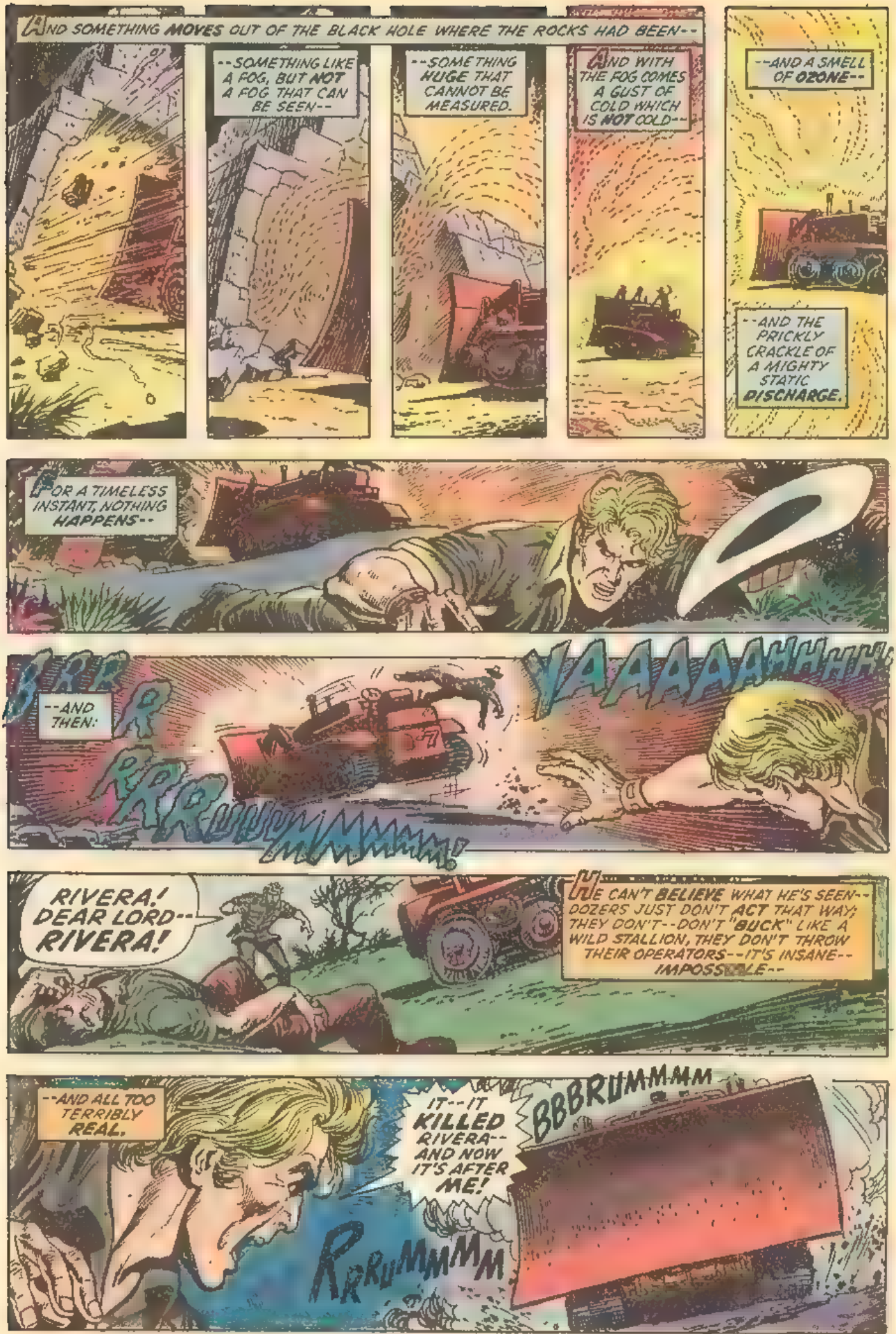

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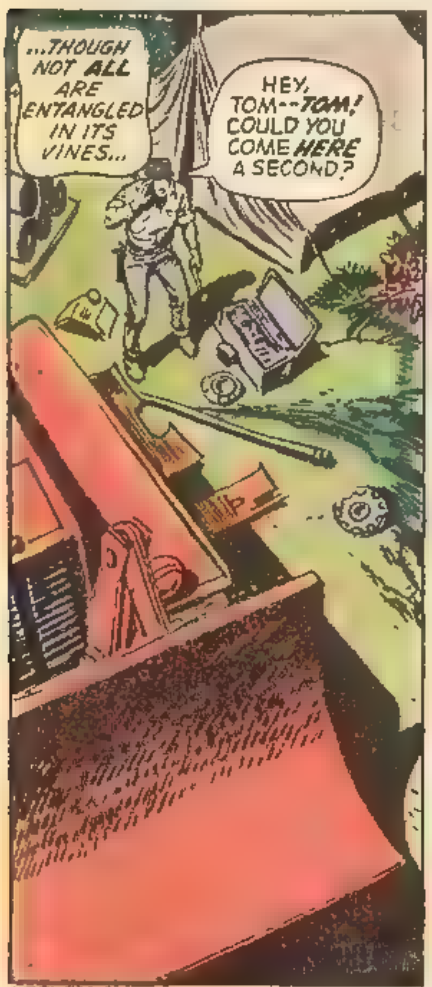
RUMMMMMM
RUMMMMMM
SPRUNKKK!
D-7
--JUST WENT OUT OF CONTROL, I TELL YOU. CRAZIEST THING I EVER SAW, DENNIS.
OUT OF CONTROL, MY FOOT! THAT RIVERA BOY MUST'VE BEEN RIDIN' THAT DOZER LIKE IT WAS A TOY.
THE LITTLE FOOL DESERVED GETTIN' KILLED
MISTER, I HOPE I DIDN'T HEAR THAT-- 'CAUSE IF I DID, YOU'RE GOING TO BE MIGHTY SORRY! RIVERA WAS--
SAY, TOM,? DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'D LEFT THAT D-7 DEAD?
YOU MUST'A BEEN MISTAKEN--SHE WAS REVVIN' LIKE A BRONC WHEN ME AN' KELLY WUZ UP THERE. HAD TA SHUT HER DOWN BEFORE THE ENGINE FROZE UP.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. I TORE OUT THE TRANSMISSION--SHE WAS DEAD, BLAST IT.
STILL AN' ALL, TOM-- WE FOUND HER IDLIN' AND REVVIN'! IF SHE HADN'T JUMPED HER TRACK, SHE'D HAVE COME OVER THE BLUFF.
YOU SURE YOU STOPPED HER?

BUT THE SEEDS ARE SOWN, AND DURING THE DAYS FOLLOWING RIVERA'S FUNERAL, THE WEED OF DISTRUST TAKES ROOT AND GROWS...



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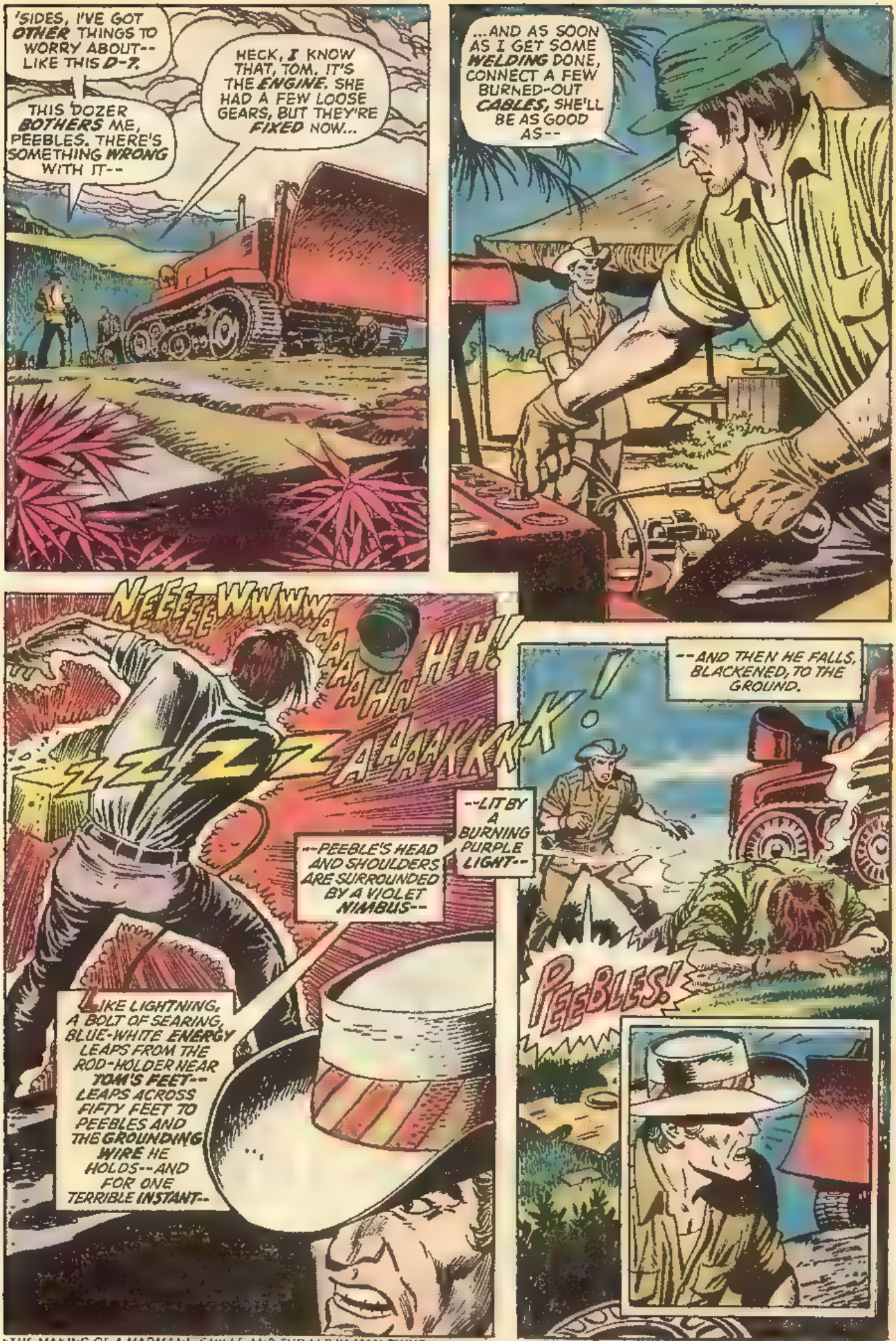
'SIDES, I'VE GOT OTHER THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT-- LIKE THIS D-7.
HECK, I KNOW THAT, TOM. IT'S THE ENGINE. SHE HAD A FEW LOOSE GEARS, BUT THEY'RE FIXED NOW...
THIS 'DOZER BOTHERS ME, PEEBLES. THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH IT--
...AND AS SOON AS I GET SOME WELDING DONE, CONNECT A FEW BURNED-OUT CABLES, SHE'LL BE AS GOOD AS--
NEEEEWWWWAAAHHHH!
ZZZZZZ-AAAAKKK!
--PEEBLE'S HEAD AND SHOULDERS ARE SURROUNDED BY A VIOLET NIMBUS--
--LIT BY A BURNING PURPLE LIGHT--
LIKE LIGHTNING, A BOLT OF SEARING, BLUE-WHITE ENERGY LEAPS FROM THE ROD-HOLDER NEAR TOM'S FEET-- LEAPS ACROSS FIFTY FEET TO PEEBLES AND THE GROUNDING WIRE HE HOLDS--AND FOR ONE TERRIBLE INSTANT--
--AND THEN HE FALLS, BLACKENED, TO THE GROUND.
PEEBLES!

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WORDS UNKNOWN!

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Dear Gerry,

WORLDS UNKNOWN #4 was great. I was enthralled by the adaptation of Frederic Brown's story. Arena was voted one of the top fifteen science fiction short stories of all time by the Science Fiction Writers of America, and your version was worthy of it.

How about doing an adaptation of Robert A. Heinlein's The Roads Must Roll?

David Taggart
Chandler Road
White River Jct., Vt. 05001

Gerry is as big a Heinlein fan as anyone, David, and you can be sure that if the opportunity arises to adapt The Roads Must Roll — or almost anything else by the renowned author of Stranger in a Strange Land — Gerry or Roy will seize upon it with a vengeance.

In the meantime, we may as well mention that the text versions of both that Heinlein classic and Frederic Brown's Arena are contained in a nifty little paperback volume called Science Fiction Hall of Fame, edited by Robert Silverberg. And for a measly buck and a half you can add to your bookshelf (and your mind) twenty-six of the finest sci-fi tales ever written, as selected by SFWA. We highly recommend it — and honest to Irving Forbush, we don't make a penny on the deal. All we get is the knowledge that you'll be exposed to some of the most exciting stories ever to emerge from the science fiction genre. (Somehow, that seems like reward enough.)

Dear Roy,

WORLDS UNKNOWN is the greatest. I've been reading your competitor's sci-fi reprints for a long time, but now that you guys are publishing new story adaptations, I have left them behind for good.

W.U. #3, Farewell to the Master was a fine piece of art and writing, and I was surprised to see the difference between the novel and the movie version. The Day the Earth Stood Still.

You should adapt a few stories into multi-parters, instead of just one-shot stories. I would like to see Bradbury's The Martian Chronicles and Clarke's 2001: A Space Odyssey done that way.

Thank you for hearing me out.

Don Lain
San Diego, Calif.

Our pleasure, Don. Thanks for buying our magazine.

There are at least a few dozen stories we can think of offhand that we'd like to adapt as multi-parters, also — the two you mentioned, as well as When Worlds Collide, Childhood's End, the Foundation trilogy, and the list goes on and on — but we're frankly not sure how a serialized story would fare in a comic magazine. And if it failed...well, we're talking about almost a year's worth of WORLDS UNKNOWN, more than enough time to put the book in dire straits. But, as always, we'll be thinking about it. After all, it was a gamble just venturing into the field with a mag of this type!

Fellows,

I just discovered WORLDS UNKNOWN with issue #4. The mag is a great idea, especially to a science fiction fan of fourteen years, as I am. Usually, lavish praise is not my bag, but all the superlatives belong to W.U. #4. Guys, you've got a winner. I'm going to round up as many of the earlier issues as I can, because this mag's success will approach that of CONAN, and the first issues will jump in value.

Surely a large fraction of CONAN fans will eat up W.U. Crom's devils! Why haven't you run a half-page ad for it in CONAN, KULL and your THONGOR mag?

Maybe it's not my place to give advice on such matters as that, but I think I'm pretty well qualified to suggest a couple of stories for you to adapt. You simply must use The Bigtard Bad by Asimov, or —And He Built a Crooked House— by Heinlein. You've chosen to use good s.f., and you can't get better than these two stories by Heinlein and The Master.

Congratulations on this mag. Do I really need to tell you to keep up the good work?

Dave Griffin
1418 East 71 St.
Tulsa, Okla. 74136

No, you don't. In fact, even if you told us not to, Dave, we don't think it'd stop us!

Dear Bullpen,

Gosh all hemlock fellas! How come a great-sounding magazine like WEIRD WONDER TALES has to be a reprint vehicle? When I read that W.W.T. was to alternate with WORLDS UNKNOWN, I had hoped for some fantastic book-length s.f. epics.

Tell you what. You guys give us some ten- or fifteen-page epics and a great reprint or two like the Check and Wolverton stories, and I'll be a happy Marvelite. Hey, think there's any chance of a series based on Eando Binder's Adam Link stories?

Another thing, folks. Why don't you people have letters pages in some of your reprint mags, like your Distant Competition does? That way we can find out what other Marvelites think of your reprints.

K. J. Robbins
1314 Cooper St.
Missoula, Mt. 59801

Unfortunately, K.J., we can't do new material in WEIRD WONDER TALES just yet. Maybe sometime in the future, if that mag and WORLDS UNKNOWN materialize as the successes we hope they will.

Letters pages for the reprint mags, though, are another matter. We've been thinking about it seriously — and if enough of you will just drop us a line addressed to your favorite reprint title, we'll do our "Stop the Presses!" routine and start setting up such pages immediately. Okay?

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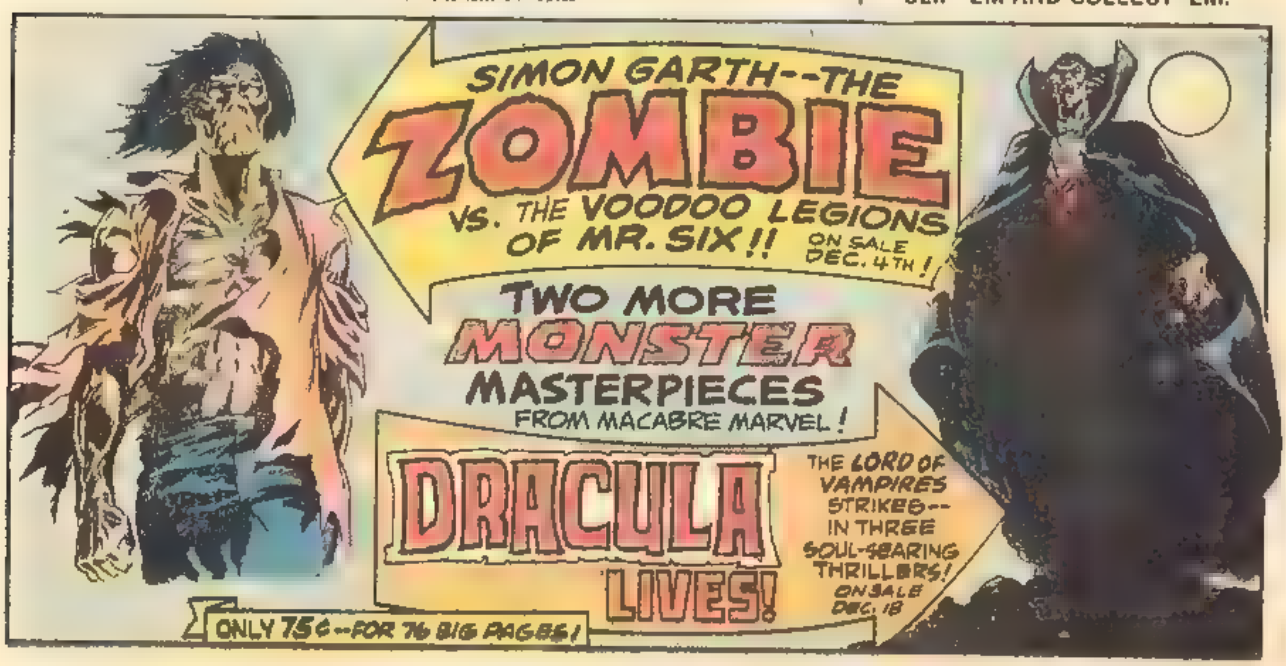

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STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Well here it is — the start of a brand new year for all of us! It's the perfect time to clue you in on some of the fabulous far-out projects in store for you from mighty Marvel where wonders never cease – and where the future has never looked more exciting!

We don't have to tell you what a smash sensation our Spider Man medallion coins have been — you're probably wearing one right now! But that's only the beginning! Every other product manufacturer seems to be discovering Marvel at the same time. So, in the coming year you'll be seeing more of our swingin' superhero gizmos than you can shake a spider web at! But, that's just for starters — !

Even as I pen yon momentous monograph, Marvel's vast, world wide network of legal experts (okay, so it's one over-worked lawyer with a scratchy pen) is in the process of signing a contract with one of America's largest and most famous book-publishing companies to do a series of hard-cover books about — you guessed it — your favorite Marvel masterworks! We'll tell you more in coming issues, and we hoodwink thee not — it'll herald a whole new world of reading excitement for all Marveldom Assembled — even for the few heretics who still may be at large!

Naturally, FOOM is still growing by leaps and bounds. Your batty Bullpen has just scheduled a special meeting to vote on all the new goodies and surprises in store for the Friends Of Ol' Marvel, may their luster never dim! And of course one of our zingiest new sensations is the Value Stamp project we've just begun — which Rascally Roy will discuss with you in living color — if I ever leave him enough space!

Since no mere mortal can bear too much mind-staggering munificence, I'll merely hint at some other dynamite developments to come. Wouldja believe a full-length feature film about some of our cataclysmic characters? And how about the two top TV producers who are making us an offer we can hardly refuse? And, we've gotta admit we're still sneakily working on plans for new, earth-shaking characters and concepts in our ever-growing line of Marvel comics and mags. So watch your newsstand, watch these pages, and watch out for enemy agents! We mustn't let a word of this reach the competition!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! Sheesh! It's January again — and it seems like only yesterday that the whole batty Bullpen were auld lang syning each other at New Year's parties all over Manhattan, the Bronx, and Staten Island too. Anyhow, just for the heck of it, we thought you might wanna see some of the *New Year's Resolutions* dreamed up by our nutty artists and writers for 1974. So here goes — !

Merry GERRY CONWAY resolves he'll take the time to memorize the agreement of all Asgardian pronouns and verbs. (He's got no choice! Rascally Roy stamped 'em all over Mr. C's forehead!)

Macabre MIKE PLOOG vows to make his new project, the Man-Thing, as horribly hairy and hellishly heinous as his Werewolf, Ghost Rider and Frankenstein Monster put together.

RICH (Swash) BUCKLER pledges to make the Fantastic Four even more popular than it already is. (And you know something? The lad just might make it!)

Jazzy JOHNNY ROMITA swears he'll sneak away from his post as art director long enough to actually draw a Spider Man saga or two, just for old times' sake.

STEVE (Baby) GERBER and Battlin' BOB BROWN jointly avow that they will both figure out every one of the gimmicks in Daredevil's billy club before 1975 rolls around — they hope!

Big JOHN BUSCEMA promises to remember that a right handed Barbarian wears his sword on his *left* side, not on his right.

Sibling SAL B. claims he'll get a new compass to help him draw those difficult, painstaking stripes on Captain America's shield.

Marvelous MARV WOLFMAN and Gentleman GENE COLAN affirm that they'll invent at least *three* unique and previously untried ways for Count Dracula to die! (Lotsa luck, fellas!)

Rascally ROY THOMAS declares that this year Conan will definitely go thru one whole issue without once referring to his Cimmerian god Crom. Or, if not this year, then maybe the *next* — ! .

And Smilin' STAN LEE, our publishing potenate, swears that this'll be positively the last year he lets his ever-lovin' editor make up New Year's Resolutions for the whole blamed Bullpen!

But now, onward — !

ITEM! We need a *breather*, people — honest! So many of you have been sending in for your full fledged FOOM kits and all the other Marvel type merchandise we've been offering you, that we've got to discontinue our ads for 'em for the next few weeks, just long enough to get caught up on all the mountains of mail that're piling up! That's just by way of letting you know that, if you're one of the few Marvelites who haven't yet signed up for membership in our FOOM fan club, you'll get your chance an ish or two from now. A word to the wise . !

ITEM! And now, in closing, here's our mirthful message in SPIDER MAN CODE for the merry month of January — to warm the cockles of your heart with news of a Marvel longtimer who'll be getting his very own series in the months to come. Like so:

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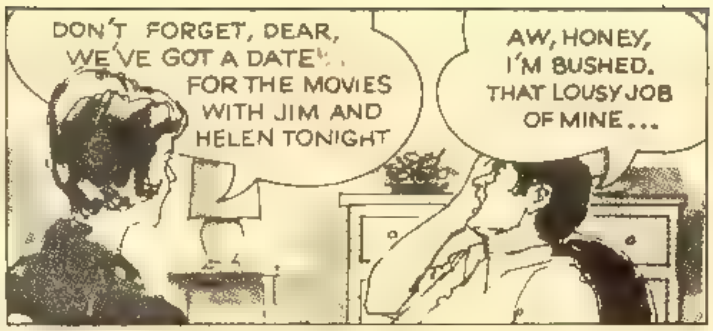

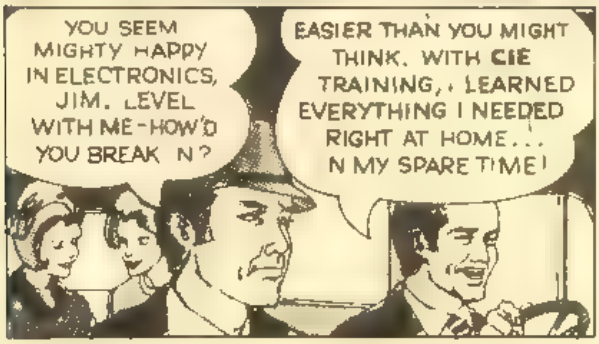

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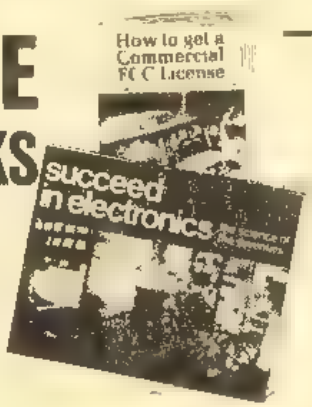

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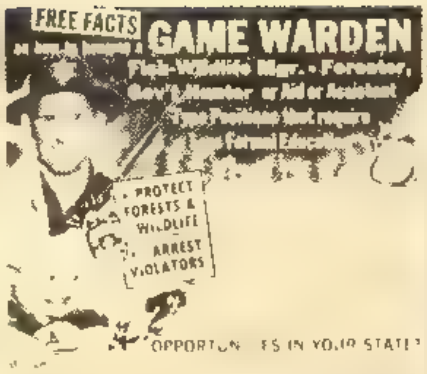
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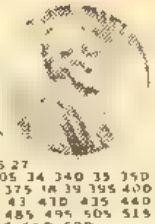

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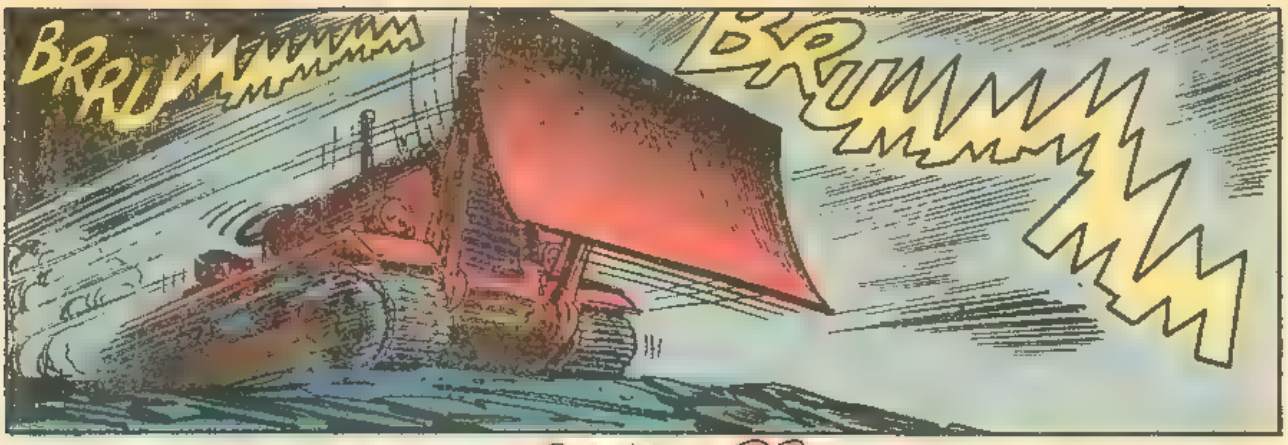

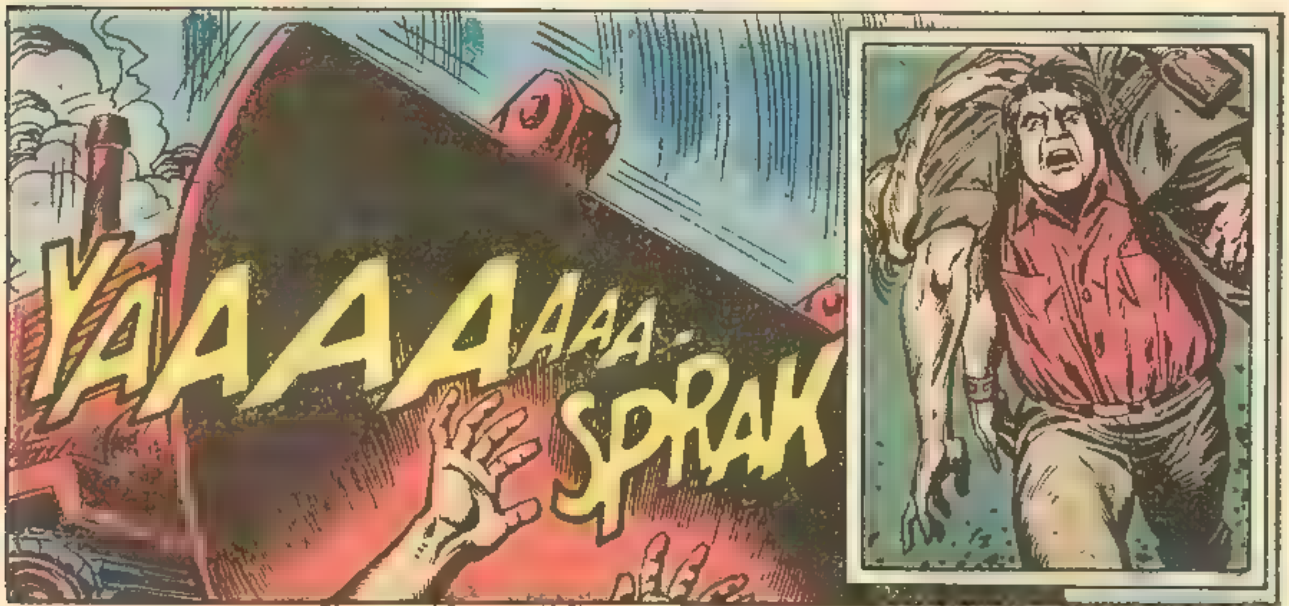

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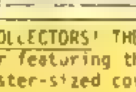

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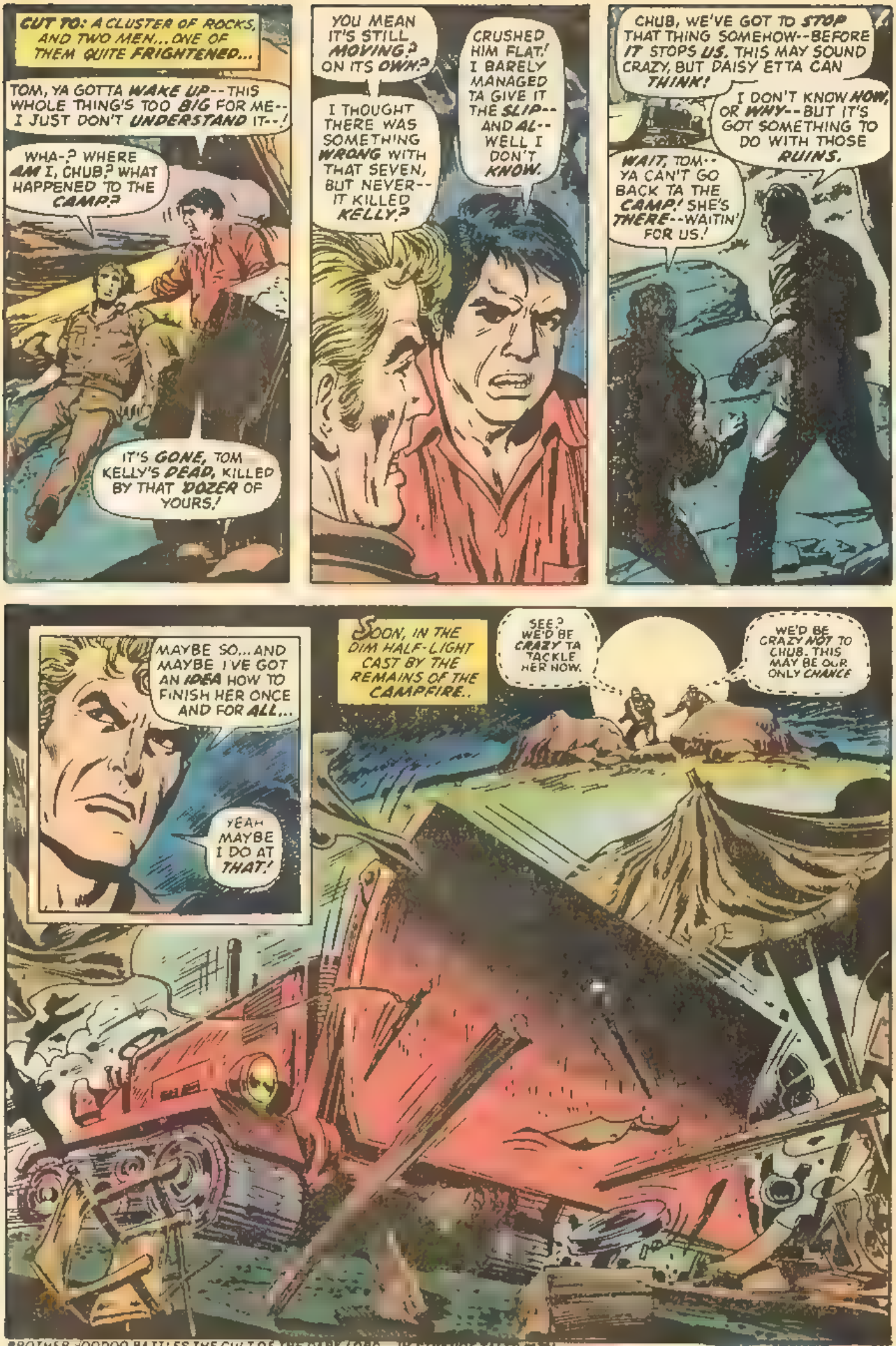
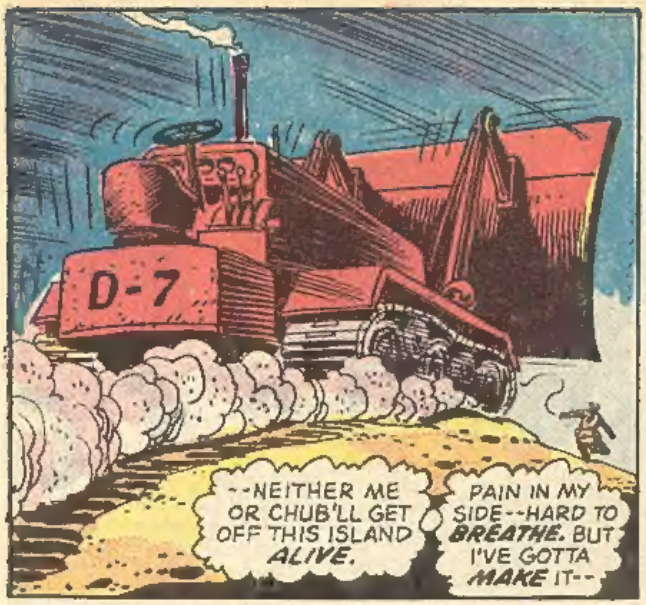

CUT TO: A CLUSTER OF ROCKS, AND TWO MEN... ONE OF THEM QUITE FRIGHTENED...
TOM, YA GOTTA WAKE UP--THIS WHOLE THING'S TOO BIG FOR ME--I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND IT--!
WHA-? WHERE AM I, CHUB? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CAMP?
IT'S GONE, TOM KELLY'S DEAD, KILLED BY THAT 'DOZER OF YOURS!
YOU MEAN IT'S STILL MOVING? ON ITS OWN?
I THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT SEVEN, BUT NEVER--IT KILLED KELLY?
CRUSHED HIM FLAT! I BARELY MANAGED TA GIVE IT THE SLIP--AND AL--WELL I DON'T KNOW.
CHUB, WE'VE GOT TO STOP THAT THING SOMEHOW--BEFORE IT STOPS US. THIS MAY SOUND CRAZY, BUT DAISY ETTA CAN THINK!
I DON'T KNOW HOW, OR WHY--BUT IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH THOSE RUINS.
WAIT, TOM--YA CAN'T GO BACK TA THE CAMP! SHE'S THERE--WAITIN' FOR US!
MAYBE SO... AND MAYBE I'VE GOT AN IDEA HOW TO FINISH HER ONCE AND FOR ALL...
YEAH MAYBE I DO AT THAT!
SOON, IN THE DIM HALF-LIGHT CAST BY THE REMAINS OF THE CAMPFIRE..
SEE? WE'D BE CRAZY TA TACKLE HER NOW.
WE'D BE CRAZY NOT TO CHUB. THIS MAY BE OUR ONLY CHANCE

REMEMBER--THAT BABY JUMPED WHEN PEEBLES TRIED TO WORK THAT ARC WELDER ON HER. SHE PULLED AN ELECTRIC ARC 'CROSS FIFTY FEET--AND THEN JERKED BACK HERSELF ANOTHER TWENTY.
SEEMS TO ME THAT MEANS SHE'S AFRAID OF THAT WELDER--
--WHICH MAKES IT OUR FIRST PRIORITY TO GET IT FOR OURSELVES!
BUT, BEFORE EITHER MAN CAN REACH THE ARC GENERATOR...
DAISY ETTA--DAISY, LEMME HELP YOU. I'LL FIX YOU WHEN YOU BREAK DOWN. I'LL HELP YOU KILL THOSE OTHER GUYS--
'CAUSE I KNOW WHO'S BOSS HEREABOUTS--AND IT'S YOU, DAISY ETTA. I'LL HELP YOU--JUST DON'T KILL ME--!
THAT DIRTY--! I ALWAYS KNEW HE WAS A CREEP, THE WAY HE HUNG AROUND DENNIS--!
DON'T MIND HIM, CHUB. WE GOTTA FIGURE A WAY TO GET THAT SEVEN INTO THE WATER--THEN GROUND HER, AND RUN AN ARC THROUGH HER--!
PLEASE--I DON'T WANNA DIE! I WANNA LIVE, AND I'LL DO ANYTHIN'--ANYTHIN' YOU WANT--
--ANYTHIN' JUST SO LONG AS YOU DON'T HURT ME, JUS' DON'T--
KLMMMM VVRRMMMM
NOW!
GOT TO DRAW THAT THING DOWN TO THE BEACH--INTO THE WATER, IF I DON'T--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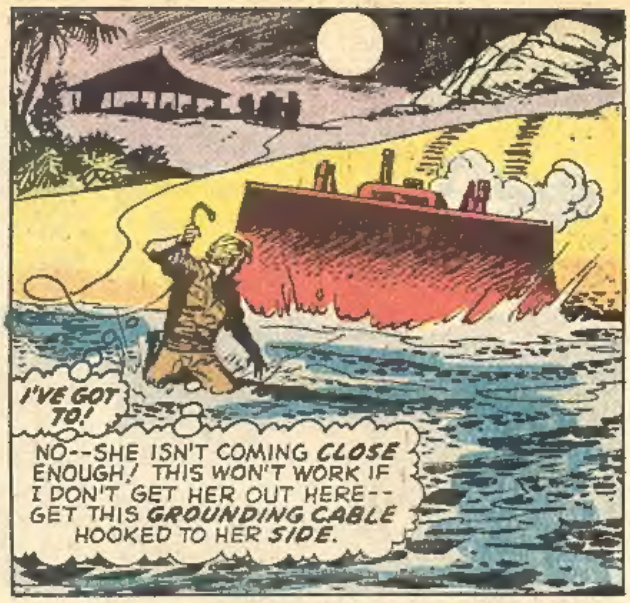
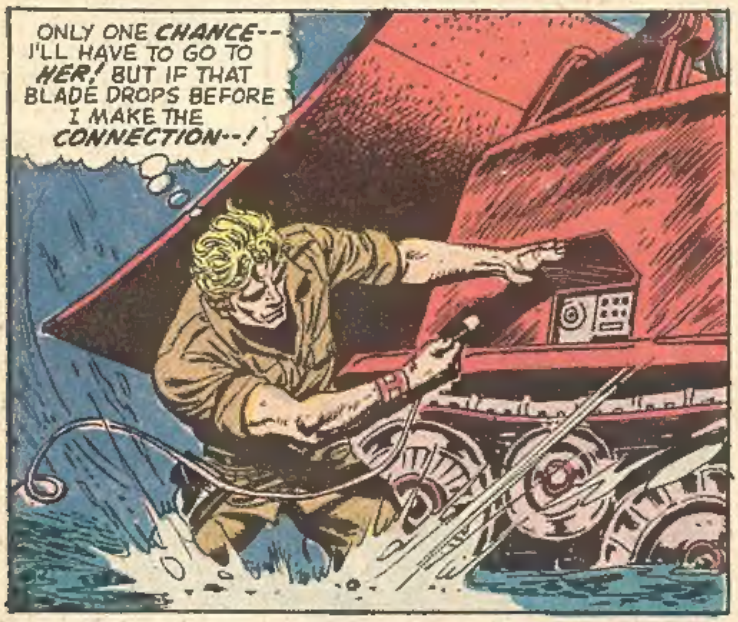
--NEITHER ME OR CHUB'LL GET OFF THIS ISLAND ALIVE.
PAIN IN MY SIDE--HARD TO BREATHE. BUT I'VE GOTTA MAKE IT--


I'VE GOT TO!
NO--SHE ISN'T COMING CLOSE ENOUGH! THIS WON'T WORK IF I DON'T GET HER OUT HERE--GET THIS GROUNDING CABLE HOOKED TO HER SIDE.


ONLY ONE CHANCE--I'LL HAVE TO GO TO HER! BUT IF THAT BLADE DROPS BEFORE I MAKE THE CONNECTION--!

DID IT! TURN ON THE JUICE, CHUB--TURN IT ON!

SPRAAAAKKKK
BRUMMMMBRUMMMM
BRRRRRRR-CHK

AND WHEN IT'S OVER, AND THE STINK OF OZONE HAS FADED SLIGHTLY IN THE DAWN AIR...
GUESS WE'D BETTER KEEP QUIET ABOUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED HERE, CHUB. TELL 'EM THE OTHERS DIED WHEN THOSE RUINS EXPLODED--AN' SOME OF THE TRACTORS WENT WILD.
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WHAT ABOUT AL, TOM? HE'LL TALK, YA KNOW.

LET HIM TALK, CHUB. AFTER ALL...
WOULD YOU BELIEVE HIM?
WOULD ANYONE??
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